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**DARING to CONTINUE to DREAM**



*A few pictures of our wonderful celebration of 140 years in Boston are included here. Dozens more will be in our next issue of Soundings magazine. This issue of Soundings Update features the visit of Patty Johnson, CSJ, Executive Director of the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who participated in the celebration, met with our leadership team, and then embarked on a 36-hour whirlwind tour of as many of our ministries that time and the exigencies of Boston traffic would allow. Along the way, Patty was hosted by well over 35 sisters, associates, ministry partners, and students whose "gracious hospitality" made her most welcome. What follows are reflections on what Patty learned about us during her time in Boston. Patty's full article is available on our CSSJ U.S. Federation website at: <http://www.sistersofsaintjosephfederation.org/>*

This was not just a celebration of their past accomplishments. The sisters continue to dare to dream through the many vital places where they minister today. At every sponsored ministry there is a variation of a poster that describes the core values of the Sisters of St Joseph of Boston, adapted to their population. It is clear that it is more than a few words and a nice picture on the wall.

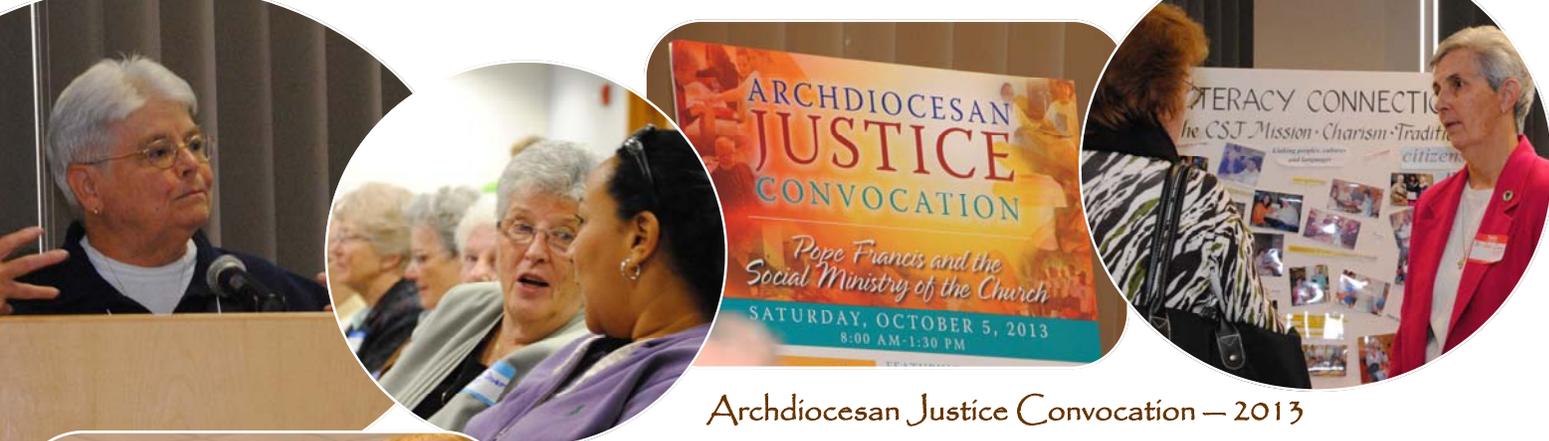
Enrollment is soaring at Regis College where the core values of the Sisters of St Joseph seem to permeate every aspect of college life. In meeting with students, the core value of "Making a Difference" is carried out through a commitment to serve those in need. At St Joseph Preparatory School, which has a diverse ethnic and socio-economic make up, a student went out of her way to ensure that a student from Vietnam, on his first day in the school, understood what was going to be happening during "Spirit Week," a truly United States phenomenon. At Fontbonne Academy a senior is working on a project to provide information to younger students on cyber-bullying. At Bethany Hill School, the residents live their tag line of "Transforming Lives through Living, Learning and Growing." The list of places where the sisters are continuing to dream with creativity and ingenuity goes on and on. You have carefully tended the seeds that were planted 140 years ago in Boston. Thank you for your commitment to the mission, charism and spirituality of our common heritage.

*At dinner with a few Associates on Monday, around breakfast and lunch tables at the Motherhouse on Monday and St. Joseph Retreat Center on Tuesday, and in informal conversations with others along the way, several new ideas were spawned – new dreams were dared for expanded collaboration across our CSSJ Federation among sisters, associates, and those with whom we minister.*

**PICTURED CLOCKWISE — UPPER RIGHT:** Sisters Betsy Conway and Gervasi DiGregorio; Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, leads the closing procession, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, with guests during the reception. [pictures courtesy of George Martel, Pilot Media Group].

*The lower set of pictures are from Patty Johnson's visit to some of our ministries. PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM:* St. Joseph Preparatory High School, Fontbonne Academy, Regis College, and Casserly House.





## Archdiocesan Justice Convocation — 2013

On Saturday, October 5, many of our sisters and associates participated in the 5th Annual Archdiocesan Justice Convocation. Sisters of St. Joseph contributed to the convocation in a variety of ways. Pat Andrews, CSJ, was part of a panel on Immigration Reform. Anne D’Arcy, CSJ, was at the table for the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life which co-sponsored the event. Other sisters participated as exhibitors at the table for the Anti-Trafficking Coalition of the Boston Unit of LCWR as well as the Sisters of St. Joseph table that profiled our Immigration Reform efforts at The Literacy Connection, Casserly House, and The Women’s Table. As Chairperson of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Marian Batho, CSJ, also played a significant role in preparing for and hosting this event.

Read more about this event in the October 11, 2013 edition of The Boston Pilot at: <http://www.thebostonpilot.com/articleprint.asp?ID=16524>

**PICTURED COUNTER-CLOCKWISE:** Rose Canney, CSJ, speaks with a visitor at our Immigration table; Justice Convocation Logo; Maureen Doherty, CSJ, in background; Rita Welch, CSJ, Mary Rita Grady, CSJ, and Mary Theresa O’Reilly, CSJ; Pat Andrews, CSJ, during the panel presentation; Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, at the Anti-Trafficking Coalition Table; Anne D’Arcy, CSJ, at the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life Table; Marian Batho, CSJ, chats with a participant during the networking segment of the convocation.

## You Have Worked Many Miracles.

**PICTURED AT RIGHT:** Helen Power, CSJ; Helen during the celebration of her “retirement” as Webweaver.

## Dates to Remember

- OCT. 16, WED., 5:00PM – SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATION DINNER  
– Regis College — College Hall Foyer
- OCT. 16, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- OCT. 17, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse  
– All Welcome
- OCT. 24, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- OCT. 26, SAT., 9:00AM TO 12:30PM —  
CONGREGATION GATHERING  
– VATICAN II AND BEYOND — with Richard Gaillardetz  
– to participate RSVP before October 22  
to [Leanne.nassise@csjboston.org](mailto:Leanne.nassise@csjboston.org) or call 617.746.2029
- OCT. 27, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- NOV. 16, SAT., 11:45AM-4:00PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING  
– at St. Joseph Hall and Bethany.  
– call 617.746.1670 for details.
- NOV. 21, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse  
– All Welcome

With the publication of our new website, Helen Power, CSJ, is able to officially “retire” after 12+ years as our Webweaver. During these years, Helen’s contribution to building our online presence has been extensive. On Friday, October 11, the Leadership Team and Motherhouse staff celebrated this time of transition with Helen. During the celebration, Helen was blessed by the group with a prayer which in part reads:

*Helen, you have worked many miracles.  
May the intellectual gifts, the warmth of your heart,  
and the talent of your hands find new wonders to perform.*

**Helen hardly intends to stand still. She explained that she has started volunteering with the blind and is enthusiastic about this new challenge.**